



Critical Investments: Healthier Communities

While the tough economic times have made providing health care services much more difficult, this budget strengthens North Carolina's commitment to those who rely on critical services. For example:

- An additional \$8.5 million is recommended for the State Children's Health Insurance Program, which will provide health insurance for an additional 8,100 children from working families.
- \$14 million for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program in order to reopen the program to new enrollees at or below 125% of federal poverty line.
- \$9 million to allow for targeted reimbursement to adult care homes that provide acute personal care services.
- \$1 million to expand the nationally recognized Project C.A.R.E. program to allow 500 additional families to receive respite care services for elderly loved ones with dementia.
- Restores the \$40 million community mental health reduction which occurred in 2009.
- \$12 million to purchase additional local private hospital beds for mental health patients who require short term care.

Safer Communities

Gov. Perdue will make North Carolina's communities safer by transforming the way law enforcement works in this state. Increasing technology will put the tools in law enforcement's hands to catch, prosecute and convict criminals. In addition, investments in the probation/parole system will lower caseloads and make North Carolina streets safer. Some highlights:

- An additional \$10 million for the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services (CJLEADS) project that will merge all criminal data records into one interactive and comprehensive system. CJLEADS provides law enforcement and court system personnel more reliable and real-time information.
- \$5 million to expand the VIPER system which ensures that first responders on the ground are adequately equipped to communicate with one another during emergency situations.



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- Funds to raise probation/parole officer salaries to improve the recruitment and retention of officers.
- Funding to establish statewide capacity for law enforcement to collect DNA at the time of the arrest.